

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
May 13, 2016

Registrations for 2016 Summer Camp have begun! Please visit www.clewistonrecreation.com for pricing, registrations and other information regarding camp, or call the Youth Center at 983-1492.

Dates to Remember

May 16, 2016 – Clewiston City Commission Meeting
May 19, 2016 – Golf Course Advisory Board Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Travis Reese reports:

- We have received construction plans for new medical offices for Hendry County Regional Medical Center. The new 7,844 square foot building will be located on Sagamore Avenue opposite the hospital and face south;
- Dunkin Donuts and Domino's Pizza are under new ownership and we are told that each business will continue to operate as usual.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- **For information regarding any of our programs, please call the library at (863) 983-1493 and remember to visit www.hendrylibraries.org. Your library truly has a lot to offer.**

Golf Course Director Robbie Rush Reports:

- Get all Clewiston Golf Course news. Visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and sign up under Constant Contact. You will automatically be put on the golf course e-mail.
- Get your grips re-done. Contact the golf shop at 863-983-1448.
- Golf lessons are available. Contact Robbie Rush at 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston Golf Course Summer Memberships (\$200.00 including tax) are available now through September 30, 2016.
- Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$19.00 plus tax.
- Non-Member Rate for unlimited holes the same day is \$28.00 plus tax.
- Clewiston Golf Course Summer First Tee Junior Golf Camps are June 13-17, 2016 and July 11-15, 2016. For more information, contact the golf pro shop at 863-983-1448.
- Clewiston Elks Lodge Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 11, 2016. Call the golf shop at 863-983-1448 to sign up.
- **Responsibilities we have as golfers when we play golf:** 1) Replacing or sanding our divots; 2) Raking sand traps after we exit them; 3) Repairing our pitch marks on the

green; 4) Keeping our golf carts behind the white lines; and 5) Letting faster players through.

- **Golf tip of the week:** Hitting a Punch Shot is a low shot that goes a little shorter than the full shot. It's good for into the wind shots and taking distance off a shot. Take one more club and choke down on the club, moving the ball position back just a little bit in your stance. Take a half swing back and forward, which should give you a lower and shorter distance shot.

Recreation Director Lance Ramer Reports:

- Clewiston Baseball & Softball will be hosting an "End of the Season" Tournament Wednesday, May 11th – 14th at Sugarland Sports Complex. All Star teams will then be selected to play in the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken District Tournament in N. Ft. Myers on June 9th -11th. Go to www.clewistonyouthbaseball.com for tournament information.
- GREAT NEWS ...! The FHSA has "verbally" approved the City of Clewiston to host a 2017 Spring Break Baseball Tournament at Sugarland Sports Complex with 8 teams (JV and Varsity) from around the area and the City of Clewiston will be hosting the TC Williams High School (Remember the Titans) teams from Alexandria, Virginia during the tournament week. The VHSAA/ACPSD has accepted the application regarding eligibility and criteria and will be sending an approval notification the end of June.
- Staff has completed work on C.S. Mott Pool and James Mason Pool in the Harlem Community and passed the HCHD/DEP Inspections. We plan to open both pools on Saturday, May 28, 2016.
- Lifeguards and LIT's have begun training at C.S. Mott Pool for their certifications and re-certifications are set for Saturday, May 14th at C.S. Mott Pool beginning at Noon.
- Plans are being made to aerate, fertilize, top dress, over-seed and repair all game surfaces at Sugarland Sports Complex over the summer. We have set a tentative begin date of July 5th.
- UPCOMING Weekly highlights for Clewiston Recreation
 - May 13th – CHS Blue/Gold Spring Football Game Cane Field 7pm
 - May 14th – Lifeguard & LIT Testing C.S. Mott Pool Noon
 - May 14th – Wedding John Boy Auditorium 8-Midnight
 - May 14th – Birthday Party Youth Center 2-6pm
 - May 14th – Birthday Party Sugarland Park Pavilion 9am-4:30pm
 - May 14th – Birthday Party STP #3 Noon – 4pm
 - May 15th – Birthday Party Youth Center 5-8pm
 - May 15th – Baby Shower Sugarland Park Pavilion 3-8pm
 - May 19th – AYSO registrations Beardsley Room 5:30-8pm
- If you are interested in participating in an adult co-ed dodgeball league, summer co-ed softball league, or Summer K-5th AAU Track and Field, please contact Andre at 983-1492.
- Please visit www.clewistonrecreation.com to check us out and get information regarding all your recreational needs.

Public Works Director Sean Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: Trap data was not available at the time this report was submitted. Ground ULV applications are still on Tuesday and Friday. Please call 983-1471 to register a mosquito complaint or if you are having a special event and need a “Hot Spot” treatment.
- Street Maintenance: (1) Storm drain maintenance was performed this week as staff cleaned inlets. (2) Mowing large open areas (3) Litter control
- Pasadena Drainage & Paving Project: There are still several items on the “punch list” the contractor as yet to address. Another letter from our engineer will be sent informing the contractor of requirements and noting lack of performance.
- Building Maintenance: (1) The Utility building is still getting a fresh coat of paint. We are putting together the specs and will soon be seeking quotes to replace the windows on the west side of the building. They are original windows with “bars” over them, preventing staff from pulling any kind of maintenance. (2) The vent fans in the Animal Control kennel are being replaced. These fans have a much higher CFM. (3) Sean will be meeting with an awning company to discuss the possibilities for the front of the Community Development building.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

“The following does not constitute a compilation of Police activity, but a representation of the wide scope of varying issues dealt with on a weekly basis”

- Officers patrolling the levee after closing hours discovered an adult male and juvenile female in a vehicle. The female was found to have consumed intoxicating beverage. Since the same young lady had been warned the previous week, she was charged and given a court date.
- Two neighbors on Sabal Avenue clashed over a piece of cloth hung on a common fence. No one was injured in the confrontation and officers were able to restore peace to the neighborhood.
- Parents on San Pedro reported that their minor son had been missing for two days. Officers later located the youth at Gerome Golden Crisis Center.
- Several people whom officers came in contact with over the weekend were identified as having arrest warrants pending from various locations across the state. Each was arrested and held accordingly.
- Officers working traffic details found scores of individuals driving without a valid license. Many were suspended or identified as Habitual Offenders. Each was charged accordingly.

1075 Commercial / Residential Security Checks

621 Complaints Investigated

38 Traffic Citations Issued

44 Arrests Made

69 Merchant Escorts Provided

11 Alarms Responded To

5 Traffic Accidents Investigated

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Water Sewer Activities
 - Repaired water breaks at Bond St and Fairgrounds Trailer Park.
 - Replaced lift station pumps at Health Department and Trinidad. Made repairs to lift station at Clewiston Christian School.
 - Jetted sewer lines on El Paso, Haiti and Olympia.
 - Replaced four meter boxes in the 200 block (alley) of East Sugarland Highway.
- Electric Activities
 - Participated in the Brown Sugar Festival Parade.
 - Set pole on South Francisco on Feeder One; changed out rotten pole on Francisco.
 - Set two new poles in Fairgrounds Trailer Park and Everglades Trailer Park; removed service for demolition of building.
 - Changed out two transformers at Health Department lift station.
 - Changed rotten cross arm at KFC; changed insulator on cross arm.
- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom of the City's website page www.clewiston-fl.gov. You may update your information at any time through the same link.
- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation, remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov or call our office.
- DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- ONLINE BILL PAY IS AVAILABLE on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov or www.municipalonlinepayments.com/clewistonfl.

PLEASE BE AWARE OF UTILITY PAYMENT SCAMS: Scam artists are calling Utility customers posing as employees of Clewiston Utilities and threatening disconnection of services if payment is not made immediately. Please be aware:

- 1) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER request you to purchase money cards or gift cards to pay your account over the phone.
- 2) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER contact our customers on the weekend and threaten disconnection of services.
- 3) Clewiston Utilities will NEVER speak to our customers in a threatening tone.

If you feel you have been a victim of this scam, please contact Clewiston Utilities to verify the call or the Clewiston Police Department and file a report.